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Painting, Paper-hanging And Sign Painting.

We have located in Hays adjoining Goodall shop
First class work guaranteed in every respect.
We have had 25 years experience in all classes of
this work of Painting, papering and sign-painting.

We solicit a share of your work.

T. P. Thomas & Son.

A Toast.

Here's to you, dear ladies,
May you live one hundred years,
To sort'er keep things lively,
In this vale of human tears.
And here's that we may live
One hundred years, too.
Did we say "a hundred years?"
No, a hundred less a day,
For we should hate to live on earth
And learn that you had passed away.

Start the coming year by making all the family happy. Take out a load of lumber from Schwallers yard and build something that will make the family or stock the happier that Christmas has come again. Or send a load of coal to some needy friend as your Christmas reminder.

No More Colby Land Office.

The U. S. Land office at Colby, Kansas, has been consolidated with the state headquarters at Topeka.

It was first located at Salina, then came west to Hays, in 1879 it was removed to Wakeeney, then a few years ago Kirwin and Wakeeney consolidated, taking in the northwest part of the state line and north to state line and the office taken to Colby. Now as most of the Government land is taken up the office is abolished, but Tom Hickey, the efficient clerk goes to the Topeka office to continue the work. During the past year there were only 740 entries, 51,230 acres patented, and only 42,130 acres untaken in the whole district, and less than 500 acres, in small tracts in Ellis county.

As U. S. Attorney, Harry Freese at the FREE PRESS office will continue to be head-quarters for Final Proofs, Homestead entries and Homestead contests for Ellis county and will keep the necessary blanks on hand.

HEADQUARTERS D. M. VANCE POST NO. 2, G. A. R. DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

Hays City, Kansas, Dec. 4, 1908.
Whereas, on the 27th day of November, 1908, our Comrade, Henry Schechter, late of Co. I, 89th Regiment Illinois Infantry, was mustered out by the Great Commander, therefore be it

Resolved: That in the death of our comrade, Vance Post No. 2 loses a worthy and valued member.

That this visitation of Divine Providence reminds us all that the shadows of our lives are lengthening; and that the Ranks of our Order, that fought and saved the life of our Country in the dark days of peril, are growing thinner.

Resolved that the post quarters be appropriately draped for thirty days.

Resolved, that we deeply sympathize and mourn with the family of our late Comrade, in their hour of bereavement.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread on the records of the Post and that a copy thereof be furnished to the children of our late comrade.

Committee: H. B. Kohl, John Nickles, J. H. Downing.

I charge no more for fire policies than the agents of many less responsible companies ask for theirs, which may be good only a part of the time.
J. M. SCHAEFER.

The State Board of Regents of the Agricultural College met all of last week at Manhattan and did lots of business. No new president was elected to succeed President Nichols, who leaves in June to take the presidency of a big land company in Louisiana. Prof. E. D. Webster, a former member of the faculty, and now chief of the Dairy Bureau, Department of Agriculture in Washington, was chosen as Director of the Experimental Stations at a \$2500 salary, to take the place of C. W. Burkett. This is a splendid selection for he knows the work required. Regent Griffith got a resolution through to have the road from the hedgerow at Thomas' house, south one mile, oiled in the spring. But the Board refused to ask an appropriation to build a bridge on their land on South Chestnut street, as has been expected.

Remember! that, for pocket-knives, all kinds of tin and granite ware for the wife, a present for the husband; in fact all kinds of useful presents can be found at the Winter's Hardware store. Just go see before you buy other things.

Prof. Pelham Res'g.

Our citizens much regret to hear that Prof. Pelham of the Department of Agriculture at our State Normal has resigned to accept a good position in Agriculture in eastern Kansas. Our people had taken quite a fancy to him, as he is a hard worker, very enthusiastic, and had counted much on his making the Normal school 80-acre campus a thing of beauty, a credit to the school and our city. His work with the scholars was splendid and they and the faculty regret to see him go.

And while this position held more honor and brighter prospects, no one can blame him for wanting to go, as his work was not appreciated with liberal appropriations. He saw the State University bragging of its beautiful campus and shrubbery. He heard of the Salina school having its beaten and although we have had several years of good crops on the Normal land, this year a bumper, and although the State Legislature appropriated this rent money for improvement of the reservation and school, he sees an old dirt road put in the creek year after year instead of a permanent one to beautify the creek; he sees none of this money appropriated to lay out walks, set out trees and make the campus, the agricultural part of the school practical and beautiful, and no doubt has like many of our citizens, become disgusted, so he resigns and goes elsewhere. He sees the school great on a show with a fine auditorium, but not a dollar on beautifying their grounds given them by the Government that could in a few years be made the handsomest in the state.

No wonder Mr. Picken can tell Salina, with its push, that they have been beaten in the school department.

Dr. Avery one day only at Windsor Hotel Dec. 17.

Cox is giving his new ware house a coat of paint.

Don't fail to see Dr. Avery at the Windsor Hotel Dec. 17.

Bert Lester now has a good position at the Yocemento Cement mill.

Now that the roads have gotten good again the autos are traveling around as usual.

"If it isn't an Eastman, it isn't a kodak." HARKNESS has kodaks and supplies.

Shively is having city water run into his new cottage on east Normal avenue.

The State Normal closes next Friday, the 18th, for its Christmas vacation until January 4th.

The Juniors of the W. K. S. N. had a jolly time at the Brunswick Annex Thursday evening.

Go to Spratt's Book Store and inquire how you may secure a good fountain pen FREE.

Miss Alice Freese of the Grinnell school spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends here.

Supt. McClelland of the Experiment Station went to Russell this week to help in the Farmers' Institute held there.

Quite a number of our subscribers are calling and having us send for their 1909 magazines and are saving money by doing so.

The Occidentals will meet Thursday, Dec. 17th at 7:30 p. m. in the office of C. W. Miller, Sr. Important business.

C. M. HOLMQUIST, Ch. Pioneer.

Miss Maggie Cave was taken quite sick at her school in Ellis and had to come home last week, but has now returned to her duties.

Splendid building lots from \$10.00 up in any part of City for sale by Fred Miller, the real estate and insurance broker, who saves you money.

There will be no preaching services at the Presbyterian church Sunday as Rev. Brown will be absent. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

King Solomon said: "There is a time for all things." The time to insure is all of the time and the man to insure with is J. M. Schaefer, because he represents companies that are "good all the time."

An important foreclosure suit was filed in our court the other day by the Bank of Albany, Mo. \$2000 are involved. 40 people are sued and not one of them lives in this county and only one lives in Kansas. A trust deed filed four days after a mortgage plays an important part.

"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems you cannot hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

House for Rent.

A four roomed furnished house for rent. See FRESE.

Let the family join in and make Dad a present of some handy farm implement to help him in his work next year. Go see Schlyer & Arnold and they can furnish it.

The Wesleyan basketball team came here Monday evening and demonstrated that their reputation as "Swift Players" was no dream. Before a large crowd they gave the Normal boys a merry chase over the gymnasium floor and carried off the honor by a score of 47 to 26, yet the Normal boys are not slow in getting around and it was a good game.

And while you are figuring on Christmas presents, remember your EDITOR. A turkey, chickens, lots of things you raise, even a dollar on your subscription account would make him happy.

I believe that insurance should be just as good as it is possible to make it and that it must be "good all the time." I carefully attend to any business entrusted to me.

J. M. SCHAEFER, Over Postoffice

Harry King, at his Drug Store, proposes that the people shall have useful Christmas presents. His selection is the best Chicago could furnish for our people and for every member of the family. Go inspect and you will see your money's worth and things worth buying.

Have You a Farm for sale? We have customers for Ellis county land. Send us a description of your farm and lowest price and we believe we can find you a customer. Our charges are reasonable. Address CHAS. & STRATMAN, Holyrood, Kansas.

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The SPRATT Stationary store is crowded every day with people who are buying Christmas presents. Never was a finer display of useful things seen here than he has on display.

Coming to Hays.

Dr. C. B. Avery of Eldorado Kansas, the exclusive optician, will be in Hays Thursday Dec. 17th at Windsor Hotel.

It is not too late to have McKEE make your husband or boy something in the clothing line that is useful. Go see him at once.

Commencing Saturday Dec. 12th, a fountain pen will be given away with every purchase amounting to \$1.50 at Spratt's Book Store, this offer holds good till Dec. 25.

News comes of the death of Frank Zeigler at his home in Oakley. Ever since his railroad accident, when both feet were cut off, life has been a burden and death was a welcome rest. The family here have the sympathy of their friends.

COX says, give the whole family a barrel of his fine apples for Christmas. It would be something on the table for a month for all to enjoy.

Court meets here again next week. Now let the court and Mr. Coddling the prosecutor show the whiskey men that they mean business and not baby play and the good of Hays will be with them. County Atty. Shuts does his duty, but why make enemies, prosecute, and they say "Trot around—Be good." There has been more drinking in this town the last two weeks than ever before. Somebody is selling it.

Start the children right: Lay on their Christmas plate a bank book showing they have a nest egg in the CITIZENS' bank that they can draw or add to. Teach them business principles. In fact your wife would appreciate such a present and then she could buy what she pleased and wanted most. Try it.

Stock Feed.

We want the farmers to get to using it and will sell it to you now at HALF PRICE. Try it at COX'S ELEVATOR.

Residence properties splendid values. Twenty of them can be had at bargain-counter figures from Fred Miller, the square-deal real estate and insurance man.

State School Lands.

The State Atty. General has found a flaw in the School Land Law, allowing them to be leased, which decides that ALL leases are cancelled and it throws 120,000 acres of school land in Western Kansas open for settlement. The State Auditor shows that in the list Ellis county has 1040 acres, Trego 480, Gove 1960, Logan 2240, Wallace 10,400, Rooks 760 and none in Rush county.

That in Ellis county is UNFIT for farming, only good for cattle. Some of it is in the Saline hills and some in the shale beds south of the Smokey. All the good land was settled upon and bought in years ago.

"All information as to the legal descriptions of the lands can be obtained only from the clerk of the county in which the land is located. The law governing the settlement and sale of school lands provides in part that the lands may be settled upon for homestead purposes not to exceed 160 acres by any one person, and by improving same by the erection of a permanent dwelling and such other improvements to the amount of \$100, and by proof of settlement and residence of six months, purchase the land at the appraised value, exclusive of the improvements.

"The settlement of school land differs from that of government land in that the first essential in the settlement of school land is that of actual residence, then the filing of the affidavit of settlement, whereas the filing in the Land Office is the first essential in the home steading of government land.

"The terms of payment are one-tenth down at the date of purchase, final payment in twenty years, interest six per cent, payable annually, with privilege of paying any installment of principal, not less than \$25, at any period of time. No person who has made settlement and purchase of 160 acres can as an exercise that privilege."

In Kansas every section 16 and 36 is known as School Land.

Eye and Ear Surgeon.

Dr. M. Jay Brown, the Salina eye and ear specialist will fill his regular monthly date in Hays on MONDAY, DEC. 14. Will be at the Brunswick Hotel.

E. A. Rea,

Attorney at Law,

Office over Postoffice.

Phone 129.

Wheat went up to 92 cents a bushel in this market this week and hundreds of loads were brought in.

Examine the bargains in pictures and frames at Spratt's Book Store they have a large line to select from. 47-1f

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McClelland at the Experiment Station Thursday evening.

Gassman & Jacobs have those new shoes and you could not give a more acceptable present to your husband or son than a pair of them. Prices very reasonable.

It is told that Joe Ryan will return here in a few days and accept a position in one of Harvey Penney's numerous enterprises.

Nick Gassman and Pete Jacobs have formed a partnership in the shoe repairing and shoe selling business on South Chestnut street.

SCHULTZ' Jewelry store is full of beautiful Christmas presents that any member of the family or a friend would enjoy having. Go see his stock.

The young folks of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society had a pleasant gathering at the Parsonage Thursday evening.

Go to Spratt's Book Store for High Grade Candies. They keep the best at reasonable prices. 48-1f

One of the most substantial Christmas presents you can present to your wife is a sound Life Insurance policy. Fred Miller sells the best.

Note in another column we have some new painters and paper hangers in town. They come from Southern Kansas highly recommended.

Dr. Catudal reports a splendid enthusiastic meeting at Topeka of those interested in trying to prevent so much of that dread disease of consumption in our state.

It is announced that Prof. Tredway has resigned his position as head of the Manual Training Department at the State Normal and gone home and will not return.

And by all means at this Christmas time, after the grand and successful year, remember with a present, those in need, those not so fortunate during the past.

The Essex Club held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening and elected their officers for the following year: Pres. C. A. Harkness; Vice Pres. Geo. Philip Jr.; Sec. A. M. McKee; Treas. C. W. Miller Jr., with the following as Directors: C. A. Harkness, A. W. Noble, George King, Millard Kirkman and A. D. Collier.

Saturday Afternoon Club
DECEMBER, 12.
PROGRAM ON RICHARD III.
Hostess.....Mrs. Alex Philip
Roll Call.....Elections
Act II, Scene 1 & 2 Annette Foster

Official Statement of Financial Condition of the Citizens' State Bank
At Hays City, State of Kansas, at the close of business on the 27th day of Nov. 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....\$ 86,708.28
Loans on real estate.....11,073.55
Overdrafts.....1,553.90
Real Estate.....9,225.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....2,000.00
Expense account.....4,821.61
Other Bonds and Warrants.....3,227.47
Cash items and clearing-house items.....259.33
Cash and sight exchange, legal reserve.....239,715.17
Total.....\$358,584.81

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....\$ 20,000.00
Surplus fund.....3,000.00
Undivided profits.....1,846.29
Interest.....18,279.71
Exchange.....918.38
Individual deposits.....299,646.55
Banks' & bankers' dept. 113.07
Cert. of dept. 14,021.44
Rent.....313,781.06
Total.....\$358,584.31

State of Kansas, County of Ellis, ss.
I, J. H. Ward, President of said bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true; that said bank has no liabilities, and is not endorser on any note or obligation, other than shown on the above statement, to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God.
J. H. WARD, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of December, 1908.
CHAS. W. MILLER, Jr.
Notary Public
(Commission expires on the 7th day of February 1912.)
CORRECT. ATTEST:
C. M. Wann, { Directors
H. J. Penney, {
Chas. W. Miller, Jr. {
To William S. Albright, Bank Com.
Topeka, Kansas.

Velvet Collars.

Your Overcoat will be good for another season if you get a new collar put on.

If you want a New Suit or Overcoat

See McKie.

Cleaning, Repairing & Pressing

A SPECIALTY.

A. M. McKIE

THE HAYS TAILOR

PHONE NO. 90

OPP. 1ST NAT. BANK.

The Normal people got out their school paper this week and will not get out another issue until the middle of January, skipping the holiday number.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarter of the Saline valley were in this week shopping. They have moved from the Hoff place to the Hinkle farm on the adjoining section.

The statement of the Citizens' State Bank in another column shows its continual growth into the confidence of our people, with over \$300,000 of deposits now.

GEORGE GRASS has the most useful Christmas presents in town. A new hat, scarf, suit of clothes, or even a basket of groceries are sure to make home happy. When you buy there, you buy something substantial.

Homestead!

We have a 160-acre homestead, with in seven miles of a town, some good land and excellent pasture, that we can locate someone on. See FRESE.

Nothing makes a lovelier present that will last than a piece of furniture, a carpet, a pretty picture. Havemann's have the prettiest ever seen here and ask you to inspect. Don't go elsewhere and buy trashy things.

Rev. Coddling, the prosecutor of the State Temperance Union speaks at the Lutheran Church Sunday evening on "Law Enforcement." Let him come right out and say that he and the Judge will keep every liquor seller in jail six months or more who is convicted and there will be a stop to the traffic. Either let us have high licence in our town and some income or a STOP of every kind by all alike, and no pets.

You are invited, and bring the children along, to the Doll's Reception at ZEIGLER'S store the next ten days. They are holding a carnival and want you to join. And while there look over the many splendid things that would make acceptable Christmas presents.

The LaCrosse Chieftain, in its account of the Educational Association meeting held at LaCrosse, has this to say of our Normal people who attended: "Prof. C. A. Shively of the Western Kansas Normal at Hays City gave his splendid lecture, 'The Mistaken Call.' Prof. Shively told of many and varied illusions which are mistaken as calls to teach, and then showed that the only true call to teach was then after careful and deliberate consideration you were willing to devote your life to the moral and mental upbuilding of youth at a small wage, and at a sacrifice of more of the pleasures of life, that you then had the true call."

"Mr. Sullivan of the Hays Normal delivered an address prepared by Anna Keller of Hays. This was greatly appreciated by the teachers who received many helpful suggestions."

The resolutions adopted thanked both of them for their attendance: "Sixth—That we extend our sincerest thanks to Mr. Shively and Mr. Ward Sullivan of Hays for their most excellent and most helpful addresses."

GUT GLASS.

We have just received an invoice of the very latest designs in fine CUT GLASS.

The new frosted cutting is really the most artistic product of the kind that we have ever had the good fortune to secure. We have it in a variety of articles and will be pleased to show them to our patrons. Nothing else could make a finer Xmas present.

Henry C. Schultz, Jeweler.

MUCH FOR LITTLE

Colorado Potatoes	per bushel	80c
Onions	per peck	25c
Cabbage	per pound	2 1-4c
Lindstorg Flour	per sack	\$1.20
Stock Food, large pail		1.50

FURE APPLE CIDER, 40c per Gallon.

QUALITY THE VERY BEST.

COX & SON, Hays, Kansas.

It's Just as Easy

to get GOOD Shoes as Bad.

Simply keep in mind where to get them.

Gassman shoe shop

Keep them. Do not be fooled into buying anything but the best. And we have them for LESS money than elsewhere.

Our shoes have old-fashioned strength with STYLE to fit the latest and noblest ideas. We do not hesitate to recommend these shoes for the simple reason that they have given excellent satisfaction. Come in and inspect our stock.

Gassman's Shoe Shop.